GOVERNMENT BILLS

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): Dr. C.P. Thakur to introduce the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Bill, 2002.

THE MEDICAL TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2002

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): Sir, I move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

DR. C.P. THAKUR: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

THE VICE-CHAIRMArf' (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): Now, Shri Yashwant Sinha to move the Finance Bill for consideration of the House.

THE FINANCE BILL, 2002

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): Sir, I beg to move: that a Bill, to give effect to the financial proposals of the Central Government for the financial year 2002-2003, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration.

The question was proposed

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): Now, Shri Murli Deora.

SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM (Maharashtra): Is this his maiden speech in the Rajya Sabha?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA):: Yes, this is his maiden speech in the Rajya Sabha.

SHRI MURLI DEORA (Maharashtra): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, twice I had the privilege of initiating the debate on the Budget when Mr. Yashwant Sinha presented the Budget in the Lok Sabha, and I am grateful to you for giving me this opportunity to speak today. On 27th February, 2002 when the Finance Minister presented the Budget, unfortunately, the massive riots and carnage which took place in Gujarat totally diverted the public attention as to what was hidden or unhidden in Mr. Yashwant Sinha's Budget. But, later on, the people started realising how disastrous is the Budget presented by